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With the budget challenges that we will continue to face, we need to continue to examine our current IT practices and to look for opportunities to optimize our resources and reduce costs.

One area that helps to optimize IT systems and helps to reduce duplication of data in systems is the concept of data sharing. Duplication of data is a common problem in many IT systems. Typical software systems are developed in separate organizations to satisfy the mission and/or goals of those organizations. These are commonly referred to as software “silos”.

The need to find shared or common data across organizations has become a critical aspect of increasing efficiency in enterprise-wide software systems. While we have made improvements towards centralizing data systems and facilitating collaborative software development among Departments, we need to ensure that there are formalized policies and processes to provide the Board, CEO, and CIO a global view of data sharing across multiple IT enterprise systems throughout the County.

I therefore move that the Board of Supervisors direct the CIO and CEO to report back in 45 days on recommendations to facilitate and formalize data sharing opportunities and requirements for all future enterprise-wide IT projects in the County.

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